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On page 28, line 8 delete "1b" and insert -- 1B --.

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On page 29, line 21, delete "6b-c" and insert -- 6B-6C --.

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On page 30 line 14, delete "2a-2c" and insert -- 2A-2C --; at line 30 delete "6a" and insert -- 6A -

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On page 33 line 2, delete "1b" and insert -- 1B --; at line 19, delete "17a-17b" and inset -- 17A-17B --.

REMARKS

I. Drawing and specification rejections:

The Examiner has cited many objections to the drawings and specification. Regarding the drawings, the Examiner has first noted that there is no "fig. c." This was a typographical error in the specification, and fig. c is actually Fig. 6C. Correction has been made to the specification accordingly (page 29, line 21).

Reference 150 denotes the letter platform component of the invention, as correctly illustrated in Figs. 1A and 4A-4E. Reference number 150 has been deleted from Figs. 6A and 8B, however, wherein it is incorrectly cited (see attached amended drawing).

An amended Fig. 7 is submitted herein correcting the leader line extension from reference 1308, which refers to the computer feature of the invention.

The vast majority of the amendments made herein are to correct the numbering of the figures. Specifically, the specification has been amended throughout to change all lower-case letters used in denoting figures to upper-case (e.g. Fig. 1a has been changed to Fig. 1A). While for all other noted drawing objections proposed amended drawings are herein submitted, all additional drawings wherein merely the figure numbering must be amended will be filed upon submission of formal drawings.

On page 1 of the specification, the Applicant's issued patent number has been added.

Reference 1106 of Fig. 3 and reference 1204 of Fig. 6A have been deleted from these figures since the specification does not explicitly make reference to these legends (see attached figures).

The typographical error on page 20, line 15 has been noted and corrected herein.

The Examiner has also rejected the subject matter of claim 5, lines 17-18, claim 7; claim 10, lines 16-19; claim 16, lines 16-17; and claim 19, lines 15-19 as lacking antecedent basis. The Examiner's attention is directed to page 4, lines 27-31 which discloses these features of Applicant's invention as claimed herein.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the specification and drawings as well as the foregoing remarks obviate the Examiner's objections to the specification and drawings.

II. 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections:

The Examiner has rejected claims 5-12 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, specifically contending that they lack antecedent basis in the specification. As discussed above in Section I, the Examiner's attention is directed to page 4, lines 27-31 which discloses these features of Applicant's invention as claimed herein. It is therefore respectfully submitted that these claims do in fact comply with this section of the statute.

III. 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention (i.e. double patenting) as that of claims 1-3, 5, 7-9, 12, 16, 19-21, 24-26, 28-30, and 34 of prior U.S. Patent No. 5,481,464 (hereinafter "'464 patent"). This rejection is improper, since the inventors of Applicant's pending application 08/720,927 and earlier applications are not inventors of the '464 patent nor is the assignee (Pi Electronics) of Applicant's pending applications and issued patents the owner of the '464 patent. It is assumed that Examiner's rejection here was inadvertent, since a double-patenting rejection is only proper when an applicant's prior patent claims the same subject matter as the applicant's pending application at issue.

IV. 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejections:

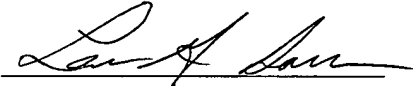
The Examiner has also rejected claims 5-12 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the '464 patent (i.e. Ramsden). The Examiner has correctly noted that the Applicants have copied these claims as well as other claims from the '464 patent (see earlier

communication from Applicants, filed September 2, 1997 - "Communication under 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c)". It is respectfully submitted that the Applicant's effective filing date is April 1, 1991, not August 2, 1994 as contended by the Examiner. The Examiner's attention is directed specifically to page 11, lines 1-6 of Applicants' earlier parent application, Serial No. 07/678,863 (filed April 1, 1991; now abandoned) which discloses the features of these claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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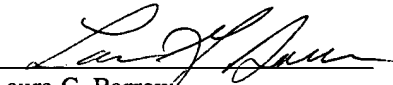
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